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What's up dock?



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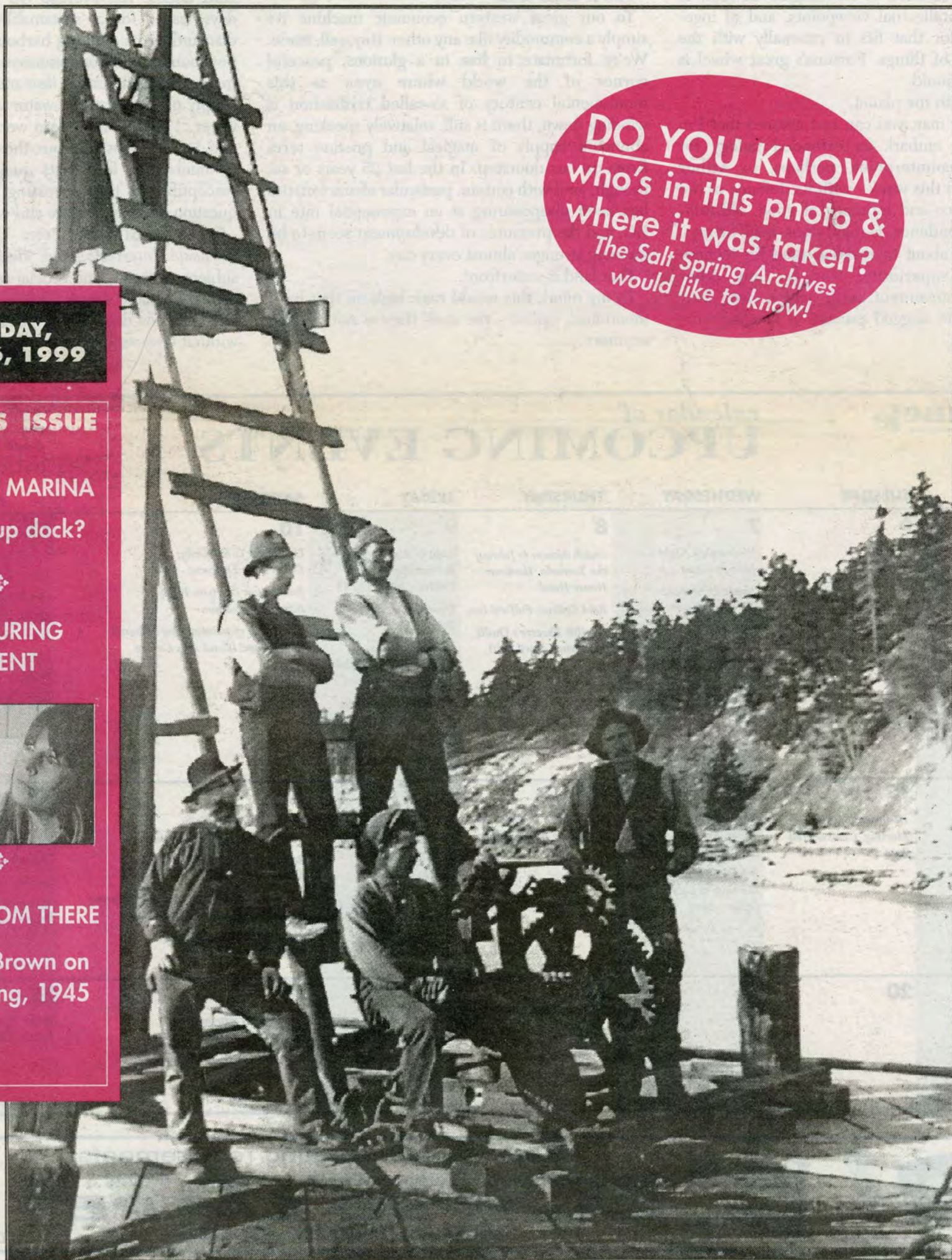
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VIEW FROM THERE

Juanita Brown on
Salt Spring, 1945

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Water, water everywhere: musings on the eternal march of progress

There are more than a few things in our fair world that are not being made anymore. I'll spare you a personal list; much of it would likely be corny anyway. Suffice to say that the years pass and the dull, the dilapidated and the obsolete pass into the great graveyard of human invention or intervention, as the case may be.

Quite often, that's not a bad thing. At best, there's something better coming along, a usurper worthy of supplanting its fading and flawed predecessor, of paving the way for a 'golden' new era. On one level anyway, it's pretty easy to accept the ineluctable succession of newfangled devices, of artistic and intellectual viewpoints, and of ingenious ideas, for that fits in rationally with the natural order of things. Fortuna's great wheel is turning as it should.

All is well with the planet.

Be that as it may, you can rest assured that I'm not about to embark an extended eulogy for progress. A counterpoint, perhaps, to Arthur Black's column this week - with its defence of the simple elegance and intimacy of good, old-fashioned correspondence. E-mail, shme-mail! he says.

No, I'm not about to make a stand for technological superiority. Nor for any other progressive movement with which we daily struggle, in the dogged pursuit of keeping ourselves 'current'.

Bird's Eye

Charles Hart



This is about something far simpler, so simple and precious, in fact, that we owe it to ourselves to be especially thoughtful and vigilant or we may wake up to a reality of unbidden proportions.

This is about land.

To our great western economic machine it's simply a commodity like any other. Buy, sell, trade. We're fortunate to live in a glorious, peaceful corner of the world where even as this monumental century of so-called civilization is winding down, there is still, relatively speaking, an abundant supply of magical and pristine terra firma on our doorstep. In the last 25 years or so, though, land with certain, particular characteristics has been disappearing at an exponential rate in BC, and the pressures of development seem to be growing stronger almost every day.

That land is waterfront.

To my mind, this would rank high on that list I mentioned earlier - the stuff they're not making anymore.

It's a little known fact, for example, that estuaries - by far nature's most diverse and productive ecosystems - make up less than three per cent of the sprawling BC coast. By their very nature, of course, these rich, strategic flatlands have invited all manner of industry and economic activity.

Too many have disappeared.

And if it used to be industry and commerce that had the greatest propensity for gobbling up the waterfront, now it's residential use, with some tourist-commercial thrown in. Waterfront property assessments have skyrocketed in relation to other land values. The average BC coastal town these days, eager for a 'sustainable' taxbase, is busy dismantling its working harbour to make way for townhouses and condominiums - high density to meet the clamouring demand and diminishing supply of water's edge, water view - just give me water ... Is this the dream we all hope to imbibe one day? Ganges Harbour, the very heart of island commerce, is, for all its quaint charm, no less susceptible to these pressing realities. It's all a question of time, of scale and of degree.

On the next page, Peter Clarke unveils *The Barnacle Interview*, and kicks it off with this subject, of timely and crucial relevance to all who call these island shores home.

What vision do we have for this community? For without one, we'll deserve whatever we get.

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calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS

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APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Watercolours by Deborah Rotherham at ArtSpring, runs April 3 to 10	6 	7 Wednesday Night Live, Moby's - 9pm Music & Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea 12:10pm	8 Dutch Mason & Johnny the Tornado, Harbour House Hotel Reid Collins, Fulford Inn, Graffiti Theatre's Quills, ArtSpring, April 8-10	9 Yoga & Ayurveda Retreat, Salt Spring Centre - April 9 to 11 Open Stage, Rose's Seaside Cafe Messenger Files Workshop, Lions Club 7:30pm Simone Inertia & the Procrastinators, Fulford Inn - 8:30pm	10 Lisa Maxx & KC Kelly, Dares to be Different - 6pm Barrington Perry on Piano, Alfresco's - 6:30pm Exhibition of paintings by Deborah Rotherham, Island Arts Centre	11 Bottle Drive for GISS Seattle Music Trip Sunday Dinner Jazz, Moby's Murray Anderson on Piano, Harbour House Hotel Cairo & Cleo Photos by June Boe, Moby's - until April 30 Reid Collins, Fulford Inn
12	13 Historical Society Meeting, Central Hall 2pm	14 Chamber of Commerce Mixer, ArtSpring Island Arts Centre School District #64 Meeting, School Board Office - 1pm	15 Reid Collins, Fulford Inn, Thursdays and Sundays	16 ArtSpring Opening Gala April 16, 17, 18 Open Stage, Rose's Seaside Cafe	17 Lisa Maxx & KC Kelly, Dares to be Different - 6pm Barrington Perry at the Piano, Alfresco's - 6:30pm Woodworks Guild 2x6 Show, ArtSpring Island Arts Centre - April 17-25 SIMS Band Dance Fundraiser, SIMS Gym - 7:30pm	18 Reid Collins, Fulford Inn Taize Music Service, United Church - 7:30pm Sunday Dinner Jazz, Moby's Murray Anderson on Piano, Harbour House Hotel
19 	20	21	22 	23	24 Barrington Perry on piano, Alfresco's - 6:30 pm Lisa Maxx & KC Kelly, Dares to be Different - 6pm	25 Rally "Round the Rock, Legion Hall - 9am



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THE STORY ON GANGES MARINA

'An invitation to the community'

The Barnacle Interview
by Peter Clarke

At 10:30 am on October 17, 1996 a terrible storm swept over Salt Spring Island, creating widespread havoc on the water and devastating Ganges Marina. During reconstruction a fatal accident occurred when a crane fell off the construction barge and smashed the marina's fuel dock.

Because the season was already upon them, the marina owners immediately floated in a 12 by 60 foot concrete dock and drove a 4 pile dolphin into the sea bed to reinforce it, not realizing at the time the affect this unyielding mass would have on the rest of the marina. The consistent, back-to-back storms of this winter dealt the final blow, smashed the concrete fuel dock and destroyed its ramp. Where the dock had been there was now a yawning gap, the marina was closed and the fuel pumps disappeared.

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In this expansive interview with the Barnacle, Robyn Kelln, speaking on behalf of the owners, not only addresses the fuel question and the future of the Ganges Marina, but issues a passionate invitation to the Salt Spring community.

BARNACLE: There is a lot of conjecture in our community regarding your marina and the absence of a marine fuel facility in Ganges Harbour.

ROBYN KELLN: We have the answer to it. We had Westmar engineering do a feasibility study on the ocean floor around the perimeter of our lease. The results, compiled with a wind and wave study, were that to build a rock breakwater in order to protect the marina, it would have to be the size of the pyramids and would cost 3 to 4 million dollars. It's not possible.

B: I'm thinking of the breakwater in Sidney.

RK: That was done with government money. So the solid breakwater's out of the question. The next option is to install a floating 'wave attenuator' (breakwater). According to the engineers' report, it would have to be so massive (approximately 17 feet wide and 6 feet thick) that it would take something like a series of 400, 10,000-pound blocks anchored to the ocean floor with three inch chain. This would cost 1.7 million dollars. And because you're here and everything has to be towed in, you might as well be building a space station on the moon.

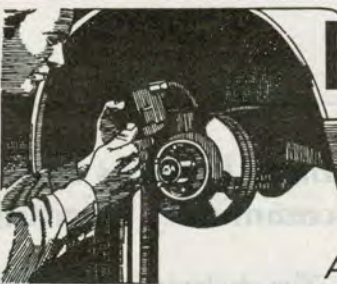
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Band benefits from community largesse

The students in the GISS Jazz Band and Choir are lucky people. They live in a generous and supportive community which extends itself whenever there is a cause. Their cause, making the trip to Seattle for the 1999 Heritage Music Festival in early May, was substantially helped by the success of the recent "Swing to Seattle" swing dance at Fulford Hall. We thought people would like to know that the event raised \$3,700 - in one evening! This was only possible because of so much volunteer help and so many donations, from the services of the bands (Swing Shift, Gene Grooms, Simone Grasky and Friends), through the silent auction items, to all the food and beverages.

The list is long and is itemized in detail in a display advertisement.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for youth and adults to mix - and it worked! Thank you, Salt Spring!

WENDY VINE
Ganges
(Organizing Committee)

Lionizing Directory

Thank you for the article in today's paper about the Lions Club SSI Directory. It was great! There is, however, one misconception I should clear up.

While it is true that the 1998 issue was the first one compiled and typeset using a personal computer, it was not the first one using up-to-the-minute technology.

Although prior to 1988 I did compile the text portions of the Directory using tape and scissors, this "cut and paste" version was then given to the GI Driftwood and the actual typesetting of the text and creation of all the display advertising was done by Ann Lyons and, I

believe, Alice Richards. We then created what we call a "dummy book" and using that as a guide, the actual paste-up of the book was done by Tony Richards. I think the technology of the day was a typesetting machine called a "composer," though I could be wrong about that.

It was all a very cumbersome process. Thank heaven for personal computers with data base management and desktop publishing software! It has all made our job a whole lot easier, especially considering how big the Directory has become.

Thanks again for the article, and keep up the good work.

CAROL SIMPSON
Salt Spring Island
Stay on course

An open letter
to Gordon Wilson
Minister Responsible for
BC Ferries

We are writing to congratulate you on your appointment

as Minister Responsible for the BC Ferry Corporation. We very much welcome your fresh approach to this highly important service.

We would also urge you to continue the process which was put in train last January concerning service among the Southern Gulf Islands. We believe that BCFC has created the elements for a successful and innovative new approach in this area and is on the verge of achieving a significant success in terms of service to the public, the social health of the region, and economic benefits.

From our immediate point of view, the new set of proposals would maintain and improve Salt Spring's access to the Lower Mainland and Southern Gulf Islands through better use of Long Harbour, and at the same time relieve Fulford Village of the need for a larger ferry terminal, which would encroach on the integrity of the Village.

More important, however,

is the role of the new service configuration in creating a fresh social, economic and political dynamic among the Southern Islands. Your officials have explained to us that the new route could be marketed as a tourist feature. As Salt Spring has public services, including a hospital and schools, as well as vigorous commercial and arts sectors, we also feel there is room to create social and business connections which are impossible without good ferry service. Should your officials' proposals, especially for a specialty tourist circuit, come to fruition, we feel that the Region and the Province generally would benefit from the economic activity which would be generated.

Finally, as you are aware, the Islands Trust has been dogged by its inability for logistic reasons to locate its headquarters among the Islands it serves. Should service levels among the Southern Islands improve along the lines proposed by BCFC, we believe that an important factor for bringing the Trust home to Islands will have been created. We wish you every success in your portfolio.

BEV BYRON & DAVID
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DROP US A LINE ...

If you know anything about this week's cover photo, courtesy of Mary Davidson, the Salt Spring Archives. We'll be pleased to publish some responses in forthcoming issues.

Or check out another intriguing shot from the past, published on page 17. With your help, all will be revealed soon ... promise!

E-NOUGH WITH THE E-MAIL!

There was a snotty little editorial in The Globe and Mail recently aimed at everyone's least favourite Crown corporation - Canada Post. The editorial was an eleven-paragraph galloping sneer at the Post Office's attempt to remain relevant in the age of E-mail. Canada Post has unleashed an advertising campaign urging Canadians to stick to writing good old-fashioned letters - pen and paper, envelopes, stamps - the works.

The Globe and Mail thinks the very concept is a hoot. "You can end and receive E-mail any time," trills the G&M editorialist, "Bye-bye postman. You can do it from anywhere you have access to a computer. Bye-bye mailbox. E-mail is generally received within seconds or minutes of being sent. You don't have to buy stamps or envelopes. The E-mail service never goes on strike. Bye-bye postal system. The

system makes a copy of the letter so that if it goes astray you don't have to write another one from scratch. You can ask the person on the other end to message you back instantly when they receive it." All of which makes me wonder if the planet The Globe and Mail lives on issues visas for aliens. I'd like to visit.

The E-mail system they're talking about doesn't sound much like the treacherous, unpredictable and thoroughly malevolent cyberpestilence I grapple with every day. Let me address the Globe's argument one point at a time.

You can send and receive E-mail any time. Not on my computer you can't. You can type your E-mail at any time, but when you press the send button, all manner of nightmare scenarios are waiting to bushwhack you. Your computer may inform you that your server is 'busy'. Or that it 'cannot find' your server. Or (my favourite) 'Eudora is tired of waiting

Wit & Whimsy Arthur Black



for your server to respond.'

Tired, are we? Would a beer bottle through your display monitor screen energize you, do you think?

You can do it from anywhere you have access to a computer. True - but so what? I've got a computer at work and a computer at home and that's it for accessible computers in my life. I daresay that in a given day most of us walk by more friendly, waiting, mailboxes than friendly, humming computers.

E-mail is generally received within seconds or minutes of being sent. Maybe, maybe not. You'll never know. All you know is that you lobbed it into the ether. What happens after that is known only to God and Bill Gates.

You don't have to buy stamps and envelopes. True.

Instead, you have to buy a hard drive, a monitor, a keyboard, an operating system, a box of floppy disks and a library of manuals to figure out how it all works. Then you'll need to purchase an Internet account which will run you about 300 bucks per annum. You'll be lucky to get it all for less than \$2,000.

Know how many stamps and envelopes you get for two grand?

The E-mail service never goes on strike. Perhaps not. But it does go AWOL. And it does fail to deliver. Not to worry though. It always explains its failure with a message that begins - 'the following addresses had permanent fatal errors'.

And then helpfully explains with: "500Mnjones@the-zone.net.Happy.Valley.Goos e.Bay ... Userunknown Reporting-MTA:dns;ndcx.

tor.cbc.ca Received-From-MTA: DNS; [1.35.29.240]" Uh, thanks, Eudora. Everything's clear now. The system makes a copy of the letter so that if it goes astray - wait a minute, Globe and Mail - you're admitting that letters go astray in the E-mail system? Funny. I've been sending and receiving traditional, stamped-envelope mail for 40 years and to the best of my knowledge, not a single letter - providing it was properly addressed - has ever gone astray.

Oh, I know that E-mail is here to stay. It's handy, it's fast and it can be convenient - but it is also temperamental, superficial and unreliable - not to mention exceedingly impersonal. I know when somebody takes pen to paper to write me a letter, they're actually thinking about me. With E-mail I'm just a URL on a list of subscribers.

That's how I feel. If you don't agree, that's cool. But if you feel you have to argue, make it official. Send me a letter. A real letter.

TIDE TABLES

AT FULFORD HARBOUR
Pacific Standard Time.
Measured in feet.

Day	Time	Feet
6	0225	8.2
	0700	9.2
	1420	3.3
APR TU	2235	9.8
	0340	8.5
	0720	8.9
APR WE	1505	3.3
	2335	9.8
	8	0525
0740		8.5
1555		3.3
APR TH	0035	10.2
	0735	8.2
	0820	8.2
APR FR	1655	3.6
	0125	10.2
	0810	7.9
APR SA	1010	7.9
	1800	3.6
	11	0205
0830		7.5
1155		7.9
APR SU	1900	3.6
	0240	10.2
	0850	6.9
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803	Vanc. Airport	12:15pm	Ganges & Montague	12:40pm	daily
805	Vanc. Airport	5:45pm	Ganges & Montague	6:10pm	daily

Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
802	Ganges & Montague	7:40am	Vanc. Airport	8:10am	daily
804	Ganges & Montague	12:45pm	Vanc. Airport	1:15pm	daily
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405	Vanc. Harbour	9:00am	Islands	9:30-10:00am	Sat. only

Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
402	Islands	7:45am	Vanc. Harbour	8:45-9:15am	Mon.-Fri.
404	Islands	5:45pm	Vanc. Harbour	6:45-7:15pm	M-F & Sun.
406	Islands	9:30am	Vanc. Harbour	10:30-11:00am	Sat. only

*May stop at Maple Bay (Vanc. Isl.), Miners Bay (Mayne Isl.), Telegraph Hrbr (Thetis Isl.), Bedwell Hrbr (S. Pender Isl.), Lyall Hrbr (Saturna Isl.), Ganges (Salt Spring Isl.). One way fare to/from these islands is \$63.00+GST, one way.

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GANGES MARINA ... from page 3

'We're talking about putting an elastic band around downtown Ganges and pulling it closer to us'



B: What can you possibly do?

RK: It's so simple it's almost ridiculous. A fellow in Delta has come up with an engineered system of flexible docks, a laminate composite rather than a rigid form.

B: It's going to give like an earthquake building?

RK: Exactly, you've got it. The floats themselves are environmentally friendly, plastic-covered Styrofoam. The foam will never deteriorate and they're totally immune to any ocean wear and tear. There are also channels in the floats to allow the waves to pass through and minimize the resistance. So here we have a light-weight dock that flexes and gives in the wind and wave action.

So the Ganges Marina - which is actually not a marina, but a 'Boatel' (it has no boats in it during the winter) will go to this floating flexible system so the marina itself won't be damaged. We can literally, in the matter of a week, take all the fingers off, tow them over to the government dock, lift them onto a truck and put them in a storage compound. All that remains in the water are the main aisles with the wiring in them. The proof of the system is in Snug Cove, Bowen Island, where the docks were wiped out in the storm five years ago. The marina there was completely rebuilt using these revolutionary docks. I think it's amazing what this fellow can do - he can build one continuous dock 500-feet long without a break in it. If it works this year we're going to start replacing the marina docks, just like a tinker toy set - piece by piece.

B: What about the fuel dock?

RK: We're working with Shell Canada to put new gas pumps in. We'll have a whole new fuel dock and a whole new system that will be state-of-the-art and we think will be able to withstand the storms.

B: When will that be?

RK: It should be up and running in about 45

days (second week of May) but there's more to it. We're now coming up with the custom use for Ganges Marina. When the boaters come this year we're going to ask them what they would like to see when they arrive. And they're going to tell us. They're going to say 'we'd like to be able to meander along the boardwalk, stop and have a coffee and a muffin and sit in a lawn chair to admire the splendour of the harbour.' Is that okay? I think that's okay. But it's not zoned for that. The zoning that exists today requires improvement and the Islands Trust recognizes that. Times have changed.

B: What can you do?

RK: We have the Seattle Yacht Club with its 2,800 members, the Meydenbauer and other yacht clubs willing to sign long-term agreements with the marina to come here religiously over the next 15 years. They won't come in their cars - they won't need parking - and they're going to spend 700 to 800 dollars per person in our community. These people bring friends and nice clean tourist dollars to the island. We'd like to help create a meandering boardwalk including things like Maxine's Boardwalk Cafe and the Salty Shop and the Toy Store. We're talking about putting an elastic band around downtown Ganges and pulling it closer to us.

B: How can this work?

RK: We need some grassroots, ground-swell support for the marina because I'm telling you: it ain't going to come from a financial institution, it's going to come from the private sector. We've done our research and homework and we want to get something happening. I think we're on the right track. But we need to feel what the community wants.

B: So you're looking for positive and constructive debate?

RK: Right, and working together on this. But

we're also searching for an equity partner, someone who shares our vision for the marina and the community. But at the same time, if someone comes along who wants to buy the whole thing ... then we will sell it. I'm at the point where either we do something with it - make it happen - or I move on to something else. I've got an enormous amount of energy, but I just can't keep going at this day in, day out, and being told like a little boy in a round room to go pee in the corner. I get frustrated with it because this is good, good stuff for Salt Spring.

What if, hypothetically, someone bought the marina and said 'I'm not interested in any community involvement whatsoever. I'm not interested in fuel or anything else' and he just took everything out. He sells that lot up there where the fuel tanks are and a building goes up. He takes the marina and says 'okay Seattle Yacht Club you've got a third, Meydenbauer you've got a quarter, and me and my buddies we've got the rest. Now everybody else beat it.

B: That's a scary thought.

RK: We want to do something with this, but I'm keeping my options open. You're going to see a program come forward and you're also going to see the 'For Sale' signs go on from Colliers.

B: If you were putting the title on this interview what would it be?

RK: I would call it AN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY. If you really think we should have a working Ganges Marina and a working boardwalk, then SAY SO. Give the Trust the positive side because right now they're saying "we've got to take this to the community."

And wouldn't it be a wonderful twist if, instead of a developer making a proposal to the town, the town came to the developer. Wouldn't that be neat?

Get yourself ready to catch the next big wave . . .

During one of the calmest days of 1975, the hydrographic launch Barracuda is hit by a 20 metre breaking wave off Vancouver Island's Barkley Sound. In all other respects, it is a perfect day. On February 6, 1933, the USS Ramapo records a wall of water 122 feet high - it is the largest wave ever met by a ship at sea. During the stormy night of the 1976 Swiftsure Yacht Classic the Columbia 30 Native Dancer is struck by three devastating waves off Bonilla Point. Native Dancer's skipper is killed.¹

Freak, or giant waves occur every so often when the various randomly moving groups of waves add up, or 'get into step' to produce a mountain of water². Freaks, rogues: whatever we call them these are perhaps the most frightening creation of the sea. Tsunamis and storm waves can sometimes be larger, but they at least can be predicted.

Not so with the randomly generated Freaks. They literally rear up from the deep and strike unannounced. "A brief glory", is the way K. Adlard Coles describes their lives. In the open ocean they come and go in under two minutes: in sheltered waters the period is even shorter.

As difficult as it is to 'catch' one for the record, the Daunt Light Vessel off Cork did just that at 3 AM on a stormy night in 1969. Seas were running at an average 16.5 feet when the Master of the vessel was shaken from his bunk by an impact so forceful that he ran to the bridge fearing



Peter Clarke studying freak waves at the Salt Spring facility, Salt Spring Island, Canada.

Dock Talk ... with Peter Clarke

the worst. When he got there, however, the only sign that anything at all had occurred was the graph paper hanging from the wave recorder which showed the passing of a 42 foot giant just moments earlier.³

Is every seventh wave the largest, or eighth ... or twenty-sixth? Try it out, dares oceanographer B. Kinsmen. What ever your favourite number (and I'm quoting him loosely here) prove your faith in your sailing dinghy. Sooner, rather than later, he tells us, you'll be slapped silly by a wave numbered 'pet number plus one'.

So there isn't a number? Well,

according to something called (and I'm not making this up) the Statistics Of A Stationary Random Process, there is. Only 1 wave in 23 is twice the height of the average; 1 in 1,175 is three; and one in 300,000 four times the average wave height.

In other words (and this is where my research takes over), if your little boat is anchored, let's say, in a spot where 8 foot seas are running past you every 15 seconds, you will be hit by a 32 footer on the 52nd day.⁴ This says a lot for the wisdom of day trips.

On January 25, 1999, Peter Clarke (not an oceanographer; a janitor)

created a Freak Wave in his laboratory on Salt Spring Island, Canada. Although Clarke lost count at 8,790, the wave that hit him in the face and broke over the back of the facility's special tub was at least 15 times the average. Damage was extensive: a People magazine and Easy Crossword book were completely destroyed. Research has been suspended indefinitely and the area quarantined.⁵

I have to tell you about one more wave. This was truly a Freak in every way, although its seismic origins put it in the Tsunami family. Briefly now - and I'll rip this right out of the Almanac: It was July, 1958 and the unfortunate host of this event was Lituya Bay, Alaska. "A wave of 1,800 feet - a third of a mile high ... trawler Sunmore disappears without a trace ... 40 foot Badger is lifted from anchor and carried unharmed from the bay out to the ocean beyond, her crew looking down from the crest of the wave at trees 100 feet below" ... Wow!

Next up are the really big ones, the celebrated Tsunamis, the movie stars of the wave world. You don't want to miss the next big wave.

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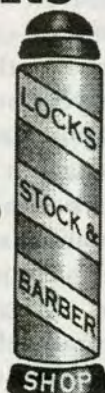
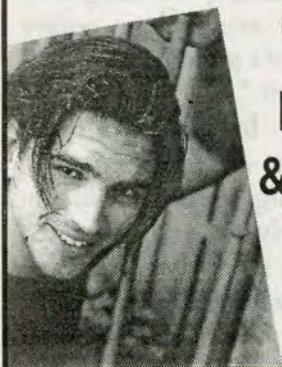
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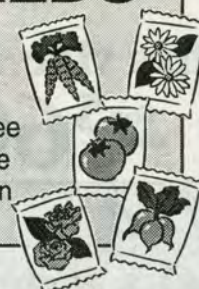
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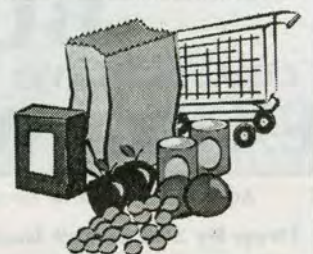
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Left: Camille Schmah, doling out donuts.

Below: The 4-H Club petting Zoo proves an ever-popular attraction.

Jeff Outerbridge photos



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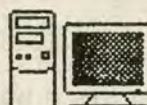
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Let's Eat ... with Linda Korosil

The language of food has always fascinated me. There's the breadwinner in the family; there's one who brings home the bacon, or if we're ticked off with the salesperson who sold us the car which turned out to be a lemon, we'll tell him to go suck one. Then there's the guy who sews his wild oats when he's feeling frisky. Or if he sits up all night yacking he's chewing the fat. Of course, if the situation gets out of hand, the fat's in the fire.

An apple polisher sucks up to the teacher, but one bad apple can spoil the barrel. One who imbibes a little too much gets stewed, and if he gets in trouble he has to stew in his own juices. Then we have the turkey. We talk turkey, we do the turkey trot, and when we bomb we have a big fat turkey.

We eat waffles for breakfast or we can't make a decision.

We are the top banana, the big cheese, or the big enchilada. And if we've really hit the jackpot and done good today, well, it's just duck soup!

A new cookbook turned up which is published by the Paderno people, and I think this recipe will make you "the cream of the crop" of the chefs.



Salt Spring Sizzlers ... with Gail Dyson

Don't tell your kids (partners?) what's in this one and they may just ask for more!

Tofu Spinach Pie

- 1 package (300 gm) chopped spinach, thawed
- 1 lb medium tofu, mashed well
- 2 free range eggs lightly beaten
- 3 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp tarragon and pepper
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 10" pie crust, deep dish type

Asian-Inspired Warm Chicken Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing

- 3 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 1/4 tsp sesame oil
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 55 ml chicken broth
- 1 tbsp green onion, minced
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 lettuce, Romaine
- cornstarch
- 2 tbsp oil for cooking

Combine vinegar, 1 tbsp soy sauce, egg and 2 tsp sesame oil. Season with pepper, add chicken and turn to coat. Cover and chill one hour. Combine broth, green onion, lemon juice, sugar, ginger, 2 tbsp soy sauce and 1/4 tsp sesame oil for dressing.

Sliver lettuce and arrange on a platter or individual plates. Drain chicken and coat lightly in cornstarch. Sauté chicken in oil. Place on lettuce and drizzle with dressing.

Mix the beaten eggs, onion minced fine, mashed tofu, salt, pepper, tarragon and drained spinach together.

Turn into the prepared pie crust and top with the cheese. Bake at 450°F for 10 minutes, reduce heat to 350°F and bake an additional 45-50 minutes.

Variation: You may add an upper crust or just turn all into a casserole dish topped with the cheese.

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Story and photo
by Dayle Gaetz

There's a new gallery in town and it's totally wild. Perched at the corner of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads, Island Wildlife Gifts and Gallery is the 'almost spontaneous' creation of Jeff Lederman. Two friendly harbour seals painted by Salt Spring artist and illustrator, Dee Gale, greet you at the gate. Stop for a minute and look up at the gable to enjoy other colourful animal paintings by Dee.

Once inside your eye is drawn to large, dramatic photographs of orcas by Friday Harbor photographer, Kelley Balcomb Bartok. Displayed next to them is a more delicate, but equally eye-catching painting of terns by artist Rosemary Partridge, who is also a volunteer in the gallery. José Campbell's lifelike basswood sculptures of North American birds are peppered throughout the gallery



New gallery running wild

and make you want to reach out gently to touch them, the feathers look so real. Whale and seal sculptures in bronze and stone, oil paintings by Jan Sharkey Thomas, and much more fill the two rooms of the gallery.

Jeff Lederman is founder

of the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre on Langs. Road. After spending many years as an artist working in graphic design and fine art, Jeff's life took an unexpected turn about 10 years ago when he developed an intense interest in

wildlife. He began to volunteer his time at wildlife shelters in New Mexico and California and then in Washington where he became director of animal care. He moved to Salt Spring looking for a place to set up a wildlife centre of his own, a place where he could put his knowledge of holistic healing to good use.

Even though the wildlife centre is run completely by volunteers, it costs roughly \$60,000 a year to operate. A large percentage of the operating expense goes toward filling injured animals' dietary needs - foods such as frozen herring by the ton to feed the young seals. Other costs include medicines, blood tests, veterinary care and building materials. There are no government grants available for this project so those involved with the centre are always looking for new ways to raise money. Salt Spring Islanders and others have been generous; at the same time Jeff recognizes that there are many worthy causes and does not want to rely only on donations.

In his search of new ways to fund the wildlife centre, Jeff last year planned to hold an auction of wildlife art. The idea was well received: artists all over North America offered to send

A look inside the Island Wildlife Gallery.

paintings. In response, Jeff got to thinking how much work was involved for just one evening. It occurred to him that the centre might benefit more from opening up shop in a space downtown - where they could sell wildlife art on an ongoing basis.

It was one of those "middle of the night inspirations" that led to the recent opening of the Island Wildlife Gifts and Gallery. And, says Jeff, once he had the idea, the store seemed to be open within a matter of days. The speed of progress was due partly to the fact that, although the Centre has a Board of Directors, its creator admits to being "a bit of a dictator" when it comes to getting things done efficiently. "A benevolent dictator," Rosemary Partridge is quick to add.

Available in the gallery is *Cries of the Wild, A Wildlife Rehabilitator's Journal*, written by Jeff Lederman (Heritage House, 1998). The book is packed with stories, photographs and illustrations relating to Jeff's life-saving adventures with wildlife. Also for sale are unique gift items - appealing

mugs, T-shirts and even illustrated mouse pads produced by Jeff with a scanner and laser printer. They capture, in full colour, birds of prey, song birds, seals and other

animals that have been patients at the centre.

Island Wildlife Gifts and Gallery is one of the 10 island galleries in the new 'Gallery Walk', which has Ganges galleries open from 5 pm to 9 pm every Friday evening from March 19 to September 24.

Like the Wildlife Centre, the gallery is run completely by volunteers and more are always needed. Jeff cautions that volunteers for the Wildlife Centre must be prepared for hard, and not always pleasant, work. Anyone interested in volunteering four hours a week to the gallery should call Jeff at 537-0777.

'It was one of those middle of the night inspirations'

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ALIAS JANET: making believers in art

by Dayle Gaetz

The secret is out. The real "Satya", creator of fantastic works of "3-D Natural Art" has stepped forward in the person of Janet Goehring, better known as part owner, with her husband, Brent, of Work World on Salt Spring Island.

The first clue was the recent appearance of a striking white rocking horse, complete with saddle and bridle, in the window of the store. In the next window several masks hang on different lengths of rope while on the ledge below them sits an old gas can given new life with a coat of paint and a sprig of delicate white flowers. These objects inevitably bring people inside, eager to ask who made them. However, when Janet replies calmly that she did, puzzled looks convey their confusion. How can this be? Businesswoman or artist? Surely not both? "But, when do you have time?" they want to know.

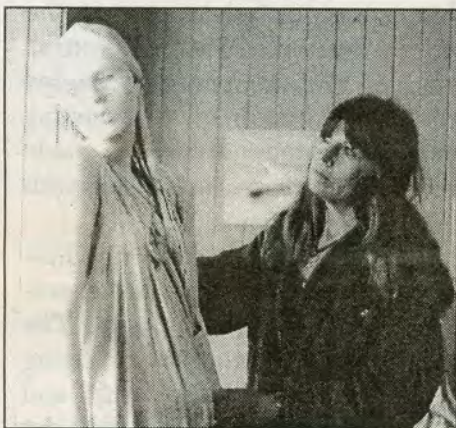
Janet has time because she loves her art. While one person might curl up to read a book and another stretch out in front of the TV, Janet finds relaxation in doing art. And a very unusual art it is.

She uses recycled materials — anything and everything — although you would not always guess it to look at the results. The rocking horse, for example, was made from old chunks of wood she found outside and hammered together, then covered in chicken wire to give it shape.

In the old house where Janet lives and works, a graceful figure stands on either side of a large picture window. The one on the left is complete, her skintones and warm pink gown make her appear at first glance almost alive. The other, taller, slimmer, is pure white, waiting patiently to be painted. These ladies began life as store manikins, but were broken and rejected when Janet found them and brought them home. She proceeded to cover them with strips of material

dipped in wallpaper paste, "wrapping them up like mummies." The next step was to envelope them from head to toe with drywall compound, a substance that "dries much better than clay," in order to shape a new face, hands, and so on. Long gowns were added by draping the figure with a sheet covered in wallpaper paste to create the folds. Drywall compound went on top and, when it dried, Janet gently smoothed and sanded before painting. With a protective coat of silicone, the sculptures can spend their summers out in the garden.

Several small, bright-eyed monks stand quietly about the room, dressed simply in their burlap robes. If you



Janet puts finishing touches on one of her ladies.

peek beneath the robes, you'll see that the monks' bodies are shaped out of chicken wire, but you'd never guess the robes are recycled from a totally different function. They were once wrapped around the root balls of trees at Foxglove Farm & Garden Centre. Giving shape to the monks' heads, but adding not a glimmer of intelligence to go with their wise little faces are, quite appropriately, used light bulbs.

Janet has a limitless imagination for taking used, unwanted items and turning them into works of art. Glass doors from old cabinets become attractive paintings with ready-made frames; on one she added drywall compound to make a delightful three-dimensional picture of a little girl carrying a rainbow of brightly coloured balloons on real strings, with her lit-

tle dog bouncing at her side.

A coffee table and stool in the den are made of old wood with small pieces of rock inset on the tops. Janet is now planning to create something similar using pine cones.

Having put so much into each piece, Janet feels reluctant to part with it. So, instead of selling her work, she prefers to do "Creative Display." This means designing window and store displays as well as painting windows for businesses. In addition, she creates props and backgrounds for theatre groups and for special events such as banquets and weddings.

Janet does not think formal art training is necessary.

Belief in your own creativity is more important. About 12 years ago she worked as art director at a California dude ranch where she took city children from Los Angeles — "kids with no access to parks" — on walks, and helped them learn to appreciate

both art and nature. She showed them how to create their own

works of art with the materials around them. "It's amazing what people can do and they don't always believe they can do it," Janet comments.

Her dream is to create a sort of art college on Salt Spring where people can drop in and let their imaginations flow. She wants people to realize that "they can create anything they want from anything they find outside." She sees this as a non-profit venture to help people, especially the young and the elderly, experience the joy of making their own works of art. An ideal situation would see children and seniors coming together to share their art experiences.

Too many people say, "Oh, I can't do that!" Janet wants them to realize they can.

Anyone interested in learning more is invited to phone Janet Goehring at 537-2350.

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Styles: Traditional
Bluegrass, Old-Timey

Folk artist Bryan Bowers, master of the autoharp, singer, songwriter and storyteller extraordinaire, is giving a Salt Spring Island concert at All Saints by-the-Sea on Thursday, April 8.

One of the great autoharp players, Bowers is known for his innovative five-finger picking style on an instrument that is typically strummed. Growing up in Yorktown, Virginia, Bowers listened to the call-and-answer songs of the field workers, which had a tremendous effect on his development as a musician.

Though he majored in Spanish at a small Virginia college, he dropped out three credits shy of a degree when his parents died. Coping with his deep depression by playing guitar, Bowers was also introduced to the autoharp, which soon became his instrument of choice.

After living in Seattle for a spell in 1971, he drove to Washington, DC and got a regular gig playing between sets at a club. Soon, he met the Dillards at another local acoustic venue. Bowers immediately impressed the group with his talents and



Bryan Bowers

was invited to play at the Berryville Bluegrass Festival.

Virtuoso playing, coupled with humor and a fascinating repertoire of stories, made Bowers an instant hit with the audience.

He signed with Flying Fish Records in 1977 and recorded his debut album, *The View from Home*. Being primarily a live artist and entertainer, he recorded just three more albums over the next 17 years. Bowers was a charter member of Frets magazine's 'First Gallery of Greats,' a list of some of the finest string players in the world generated through a fan poll; his name appears beside such greats as Chet

Atkins, David Grisman, Stephane Grappelli, and Itzhak Perlman.

What critics have said:

"To call Bryan Bowers' performance simply a 'concert' would be inadequate if not inaccurate ... (it) could better be described as an experience! - *Desert News*

"...This man makes more music from an Autoharp than you can imagine from a 12-string guitar and a harpsichord combined. He has more stage presence and charisma than any stage performer in recent memory. - *The Washington Times*

Concert starts at 8 pm. Tickets (\$10) are available at Acoustic Planet.

Mason, Tornado, Inertia cooking up weekend gigs

The music just keeps coming and, for some, that may come down to some tough choices this weekend.

Blues fans have a rare opportunity to hear something steeped in authenticity - in other words, the real thing. On Thursday April 8 Dutch Mason, Prime Minister of the Blues, and Johnny 'The Tornado' are wheeling into town as promised for a special gig in the Harbour House's Wheelhouse Room.

With more than 35 years performing under his belt,



Dutch Mason has played with some of the greatest blues artists in the world. Neither is Johnny 'The Tornado' a spring chicken when it comes to the world of blues. He's played 'damn near every juke joint and roadhouse in North America.'

Contrary to popular rumour, however, Terry Edmunds will not be playing with them. Tickets are still \$10 in advance at the front desk. A deal!

Loosened up by that gig, you can head south on the weekend and catch Simone Inertia and the Procrastin-ators at the Fulford Inn. The dulcet tones of Simone Grasky lead the way for memorable evenings Friday and Saturday (April 9 & 10). Music starts at 8:30 pm.

Work of local architect featured in Architectural Institute of BC art show

Salt Spring resident Jonathan Yardley is one of a select group of BC architects whose artwork is represented in the show: Architects as Artists - an exhibit of works of art by BC architects featured at the Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) Gallery until April 12.

The exhibit showcases the talents and interests of architects outside of their practice of architecture. Since architects manipulate form, space and light in the conceptual design of a building, and compose the elements of structure, surface and material to realize that concept, not surprisingly, many architects exercise these diverse talents in other artistic and creative pursuits such as painting, photography and furniture design.

The eclectic exhibit presents intricately designed furniture, leather sculptures, paintings, photographs and photo-based digital prints created by the following architects: Arthur Allen, MAIBC, Tina Dhillon, MAIBC, Sid Johnson, MAIBC, John Kay, MAIBC, Scott Kemp, MAIBC, Otto Lejeune, IA, Jacqui Metz, MAIBC and Jonathan Yardley, MAIBC.

Born in England, Jonathan Yardley trained as an architect at the School of Architecture at the City of Birmingham College of Arts and Crafts. He became a registered architect in 1967 and emigrated the same year to

Canada. In Vancouver, he worked with Erickson/Massey and Thompson Berwick & Pratt, and became a registered architect in 1969. He set up his own architectural practice in 1972.

Moving to Salt Spring in 1974 he has spent over 25 years working on all the Gulf Islands and on Vancouver Island, and now works from The Barn Studio, 1121 Beaver Point Road. During his training and work, he has both drawn and painted, but until coming to the west coast had not seriously approached landscapes in watercolour. His paintings are seen as spontaneous reflections of the ever-changing weather of the west coast. His paintings are all done on location and are quickly rendered.

He has attended workshops given by Toni Onley and has had two joint shows: "A Brush with Nature," August 1997 and "Impressions of Channel Ridge Ranch," August 1998. He has also displayed at Bristol Cutters and KIS Office Services on Salt Spring Island. His paintings are in many private collections.

The AIBC Gallery is located in The Architecture Centre at 100 - 440 Cambie Street in Vancouver. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Admission is free.

For more information about the exhibit, call Diana Gendron at 604-683-8588.

SIMS holding band fundraising dance

The Salt Spring Island Middle School is holding a Band Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, April 17.

The dance runs from 7:30 pm to 10 pm at SIMS Gym.

The event will be a Cabaret Night / Dance featuring the SIMS Jazz Band and The West Vancouver Youth Dance Band under the direc-

tion of Doug McCally

The cost is \$15 per family, \$5 adults, \$3 students; tickets are available at et cetera, SIMS, from band students and at Acoustic Planet Music. All proceeds will go toward supporting music at SIMS.

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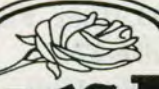
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8:00 pm Satsang with GangaJi
Wed., April 14, 1999
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life in the garden



by Joe Clemente

How to grow the Bay Leaf Tree

Whenever the topic of bay trees comes up in a gardening conversation the most common question asked is will they survive outdoors in our climate?

Well, of course they will, especially on Salt Spring. I consider *Laurus nobilis* cold hardy for this area, and other locations along the southwest coast as well. The worst damage I've seen occur on a bay tree was frost, and wind burn to the new growth at the ends of the branches. This happened to my aunt's bay tree in the winter of 1989. It's planted in her Vancouver garden. She prunes it regularly so it doesn't get too big. Bay Leaf, or the Latin name *Laurus nobilis*, consist of two species of evergreen trees native to the Canary Islands and the Mediterranean region. Bay trees can reach 30 to 40 feet in height, but remember you can keep it as a smaller shrub by pruning it in the spring or summer. It also can be kept

in a planter or tub, but make sure to protect the root system from winter cold so they don't freeze. The tree can take quite low temperatures, but exposed roots can't! Bay Laurel thrives in rich soil with abundant moisture, but drainage is a must. It will also take much drought when established. I have two bay trees that didn't receive a drop of water last summer. I planted them several years ago. Full sun to partial shade would be a good location for your bay tree. The dark green leaves remain on the tree permanently since it is evergreen. The leaves are also used for cooking.

Yellowish small flowers are produced followed by a small black fruit that is inedible. I've seen a local tree that was producing seed. There are a few nice specimens on our island. I was told the tallest is over 20 feet, but I've not yet confirmed that. Growth is slow to moderate, but that's okay by me, since they are such an attractive specimen plant.

'I have two bay trees that didn't receive a drop of water last summer'



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New tool helps get to grips with Broom and Gorse

A new tool is available in the uphill struggle against invasive broom and its prickly cousin, Gorse. While it may look pretty at times, broom is destructive to native plants, destroys Garry oak meadows, gives wasps great nesting sites and marches relentlessly across our island.

Now a low-tech tool is available to assist in broom bashing. The Salt Spring

Island Conservancy has purchased a "weed wrench" - a long handled tool with jaws that grip the plant stem and, using leverage, not brute strength, pulls it out, roots and all. As a community service this broom puller and two other similar tools made by local people are available for use by islanders. The Conservancy encourages people to get together and rid their

neighbourhoods, roadsides and property of these highly invasive plants. In order to borrow any of the wrenches you can call the following numbers. There is no charge for using the broom pullers, but a donation to the Conservancy would be appreciated. For information call: Phil Vernon, 537-5614; Brian Smallshow, 653-4774; Tony Pedersen, 653-4527.



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Bowling Banter ... with Ruth Hume

Over the next four weeks, you will notice a dwindling of reports from bowling leagues. Alas, it is that time of year, when bowlers become golfers and gardeners. The good news is that there is much more open bowling for the general public. Looking forward to seeing you at the alley.

Circus: Tony Farr-203, Inez Farr-205, Gwyn Strike-214, Ken Strike-274.

Tuesday morning Seniors: Ken Robinson-236, John Richardson-205, Bev Brown-217, Gordon Parsons-204, Rita Brown-202, Wally Brown-215.

Tuesday afternoon Seniors: John Matheson-205, Bob McClung-209, Ken Robinson-231, Vanda Winstone-227, Kay Latvala-230, Reg Winstone-275.

Wednesday afternoon Ladies: Jackie Jensen-200, Deanna Marleau-221, Margaret Baker-219, 207/611.

Special Olympics: Gloria Dale-160, Jessie Maron-170, Mahjor Bains-149.

Golf Ladies Wind-Up: This year's winners were the Wild Cards: Ruby Webster, Kay Booth, Becky Armstrong, Cora Tosh, Olive Wilkie.

High Average was Lorraine Toller with 196, High Single was Ruby Webster with 257, High Three was Mary Campbell with 589. The Golf Ladies League runs from October to March. New players are needed and welcome.

For information on joining any of the leagues at Kings Lane Recreation, please call Ruth at 537-2054.

The Magic in Herbs ... with Barbara Rikwerda

Alfalfa

Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) is also known as lucern. Alfalfa is the Arab word for "the best fodder." Throughout history this plant has also been known as "The Father of all Foods," "Best Food," and "Purple Medic."

We know it has been used for thousands of years. In Greece its use can be traced back to about 400 BC, but it seems only to have been in this country since about 1854 when gold seekers from Chili brought the seeds with them to California. (It was called Chilean clover then.)

At first it seems to have been grown mainly for animal fodder. The reason is easy to understand because by the time it is 20 or more years of age its tap root could have descended 50 feet or more. That would help it tolerate drought. It is very fast growing. Roots of seedling plants are known to penetrate the soil as deep as three feet within two months, and six feet with plants five months of age. Because of the rapid regrowth of new stems and leaves following cuttings, it's possible that from one to as many as 13 crops of hay can be had in one growing season. (Sun and rain would have a lot to do with that.)

When it is plowed under it refertilizes the soil better than any other known plant.

Because alfalfa can go down through the soil over 50 feet it is easy to understand why it has so many valuable properties to offer us. We know the Chinese have been using it as one of their favourite medicines since the 6th



century. It has almost every known vitamin: A, B6, C, D, E, G, K, and even U, which is very uncommon and reputed to be so helpful to anyone with a peptic ulcer.

It has more chlorophyll than any other plant. Biologist Frank Bower discovered eight essential enzymes in the alfalfa leaves. It also has eight essential amino acids of protein. It is very rich in minerals, and especially the trace minerals.

The leaves can be used in salads (such an easy way to get so much of it), or a tea can be made by steeping one tablespoon of the seeds in one quart of boiling water, which can be enjoyed as a beverage or used as a medicine.

I like to make sprouts from the seeds. Do be sure they have not been treated with a poison. They are available at the health food store. Drink

the water the seeds have been soaked in or rinsed with. Never throw it out.

The sprouts are easy to grow, inexpensive and rewarding.

The following quotation may be of interest. "Dr. Charles Pfeleger of L.A., who specializes in narcotics and alcoholic cases, reported good results with alfalfa tea," (1970).

No interest in the above? Well, stay with us to the end. If you are worried about hunger or poverty, it is said you should place a small jar of alfalfa in your cupboard. Also burn it and scatter the ashes around the property for this purpose. The powers of alfalfa are prosperity, anti-hunger and money.

Spring into a 'Plants for Wellbeing' weekend

Stinging nettles useful? And delicious? Who Would've Thought?

Find out more such delights at Plants for Wellbeing - April 23-25 at the Salt Spring Centre.

It is true. Stinging nettles are not only nutritious but delicious! They are rich in minerals, and, blend them up with a little olive oil, parmesan cheese and a few cashews, they make a great pesto. At the Centre's Plants for Wellbeing weekend, you'll have a chance to explore all kinds of edible native plants, as well as gardening tips and techniques.

Start the day with a Yoga class styled specifically for gardeners - gentle exercises for flexibility and strength. And then off to the workshops where you can learn

'Explore edible native plants, as well as gardening tips and techniques'

about all kinds of things: plants from the gardens of Asia, herbal preparations, choosing and starting seeds, sustainable foods, local medicinal plants, growing vegetables, and more. You can even gather native plants to prepare for Saturday night's dinner - maybe a little nettle pesto and wild green salad.

"We want this weekend to not only be active, but interactive," says Lokesh Green, garden manager of the Salt Spring Centre. "We encourage participants to bring along any seeds that they might want to exchange or any gardening information to share with the group."

"The facilitators for the weekend have years of experience and are well-known plant folks here on Salt Spring Island," continues Lokesh. "Dan Jason, author of *Living Lightly on the Land* and *The Whole Food Cookbook*, Brian Hutchings of Cusheon Creek Nursery, Marilyn Walker, ethnobotanist and professor at Mr. Allison University, and Rajani Rock of Sacred Gardens - crafter of herbal products - are just some of the exciting people lined up to help out this weekend."

Salt Spring Islanders are welcome to take the whole weekend or parts of it.

For those who are interested, please call Sharon at the Centre office, 250-537-2326, open 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) The old logic does not seem to be working any more. You are challenged to create new ways of expressing your values. Despite desires to go full speed ahead, you are also happy to coast. This way you can spend more time negotiating the bends and curves. You have been sloughing off the influence of old family patterns over the past few years. You are eager to consolidate a whole new foundation for expressions of a higher truth. There is a bit more sloughing off to go yet. Patience!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) Steady as she goes mate. Why is everybody always in a rush? There is no need to rush! Slow, sure, safe and sexy. Breathe in your belly and feel the earth is your motto now. Take to time to listen without reaction or judgement. After you mind stops evaluating and you feel as though your mind is blank, allow your soul to touch your heart with its messages. Ask questions if you wish. The answers will come as rich feelings, or not. You need not be bored and sleepy to be quiet and sensitive. Sleek like a cat.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) A push for freedom finds you willing to make a real effort. Of course, the other side of you wants to avoid the 'issues' altogether. Old priorities are melting like the snow. However there is quite a pack of snow to be melted there. It could take up to 3 years to reveal all the renewed earth below. Don't worry though, there are some rich soil patches already open. Go ahead and plant seeds in them. Just remember the deal, you can't plant any of the old seed lot. Only fresh seed thoughts will do now.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) A challenge from the inside to make a conscious change is on the agenda now. While you are drawn to dream you are also determined to let go of a few illusions about yourself and the world. Beliefs about love and marriage are a part of the scenario. You want to know what others see and believe so much that you may be coming across as pushy. Take time to talk. Make your needs known. Expand your vision to embrace a 360-degree perspective. Just imagine that you can and do it. Be sincere and allow humor to set you free from the past.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) In the Chinese zodiac, Leo with a strong hit of Sagittarius combine to reflect the sign of the Monkey. In Mayan Astrology we have just completed a thirteen-day cycle under the Sun Chuen, the monkey. Here is a bunch of bananas. Get the hint. Somebody has to stir the pot so why not you? You mischievous gamester. Bold, brassy and to the point, especially lately. You never know if you don't ask, right? Now imagine that this is a reflection of a whole new you. Yep, get used to it. Provocative is soon to be your middle name.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) From your explorations of your depths you have come to realize that the time to get serious has arrived. Your financial reality may need some attention. Give yourself six good months to create a positive turnaround. You will be tested for putting the cart before the horse through until autumn. To fully discover the emerging wave of individuality rising in you, you must engage experientially. Tend to shaky nerves with belly breaths and plenty of exercise. This awakening of the soul deserves the best.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) A testy series of assaults are keeping you alert in the sparring ring lately. To succeed you must contribute to if not lead the pace. There is no one to hear our cries of victim when we are in the ring. There is simply no place for blame. Tough negotiations find you looking for new approaches when you have the chance to take a breather in your corner. This may be a good time for salts to keep you wide-awake and alert. You can't afford to allow your left guard to drop. Stand your ground, kid.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22) A summons from on high is leading you to prepare for the ascent. A careful evaluation of your approach continues to be the call. Every ounce of your individual genius will be needed for the climb. There is no one to lean on now. You must stand strong in your truth. Dreams about the creative possibilities will take on greater intent this week. Expect things to quicken. Still, take time to make choices. Plot a steady course born of an alert mind and a keen eye. Remember your symbol is the eagle.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Hot lava! There is plenty of heat flowing these days. It is moving towards molds that will give shape to the liquid rock. You must take risks and initiatives to build more momentum. You don't want the flow to cool before it has fulfilled its function. Your job is to make sure the shapes are as precise and smooth as necessary to make stackable cubes. That is the traditional way castles are built. Get certified or upgrade your skills. Failure to do so will result in just that.

Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 20) A revolutionary mood continues to brew. Yet, you are willing to allow things to develop on their own for a while. Hasty measures often lead to disappointment. You must carefully calibrate the goals worthy of your time, money and effort. Take your time to get to know what you want. You are shedding old skins and need to adjust to the new layers before acting on them. They speak a different spell than what you are used to. You are wilder and more detached than you used to be. Watch it, that wand is loaded!

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19) To be found within every family tree are unfulfilled dreams. Powers of vision and decision to create abundance. Money may not be the big issue, however. Enough is good. As long as you can afford to expand your being to heights your ancestors did not have the vision, courage or resources to achieve. Watch as the beliefs of your past turn to withered leaves. You are building a new base of values and priorities. The varied pace will continue. Role model the abilities of others and behold, as your own limbs grow strong.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) With Mars retrograde everyone is doing a little re-evaluating before committing them selves to long term commitments. For you this includes getting your financial situation into better shape. Don't allow the details to stifle you. Imagine how much freedom you will earn when balance and harmony is created in financial arenas. Take a strategic approach by writing out an outline of measures you need to take. Accept the situation, but work with it. Resistance and escape is sure to lead to a high-speed chase fated to crash.

(For expanded insight read all of the signs especially your rising sign!)
Michael O'Connor is available for consultations. (250) 352 - 2936 or oconnorm@netidea.com

Food forum draws healthy island interest

Approximately 50 people attended a three-hour forum on Emergency Preparedness and Food Storage, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the community of Salt Spring on Saturday, March 27.

The session, held at the Lion's Hall, started with an introductory talk by Per Svendsen, who discussed the church's interest and philosophy about the subject.

He then introduced Carol Stiles, owner of the Bosch Kitchen Centre in Victoria, who spoke on food stocking and storage for emergencies, whether caused by natural disasters, illness or unemployment. Salt Spring resident Chuck Hamilton spoke about basic survival equipment, escape plans and typical emotional responses to emergencies.

Both speakers were equipped with extensive "hands on" practical displays. Those attending had access to a computer program that provided customized charts of food

requirements for a family's needs.

Richard Bahry, owner of Northern Homestead, also provided an excellent display, containing emergency supplies of food, communication needs, and special lights available through his business. Sample dishes prepared from basic food storage supplies were available, as were handouts on the topics discussed.

Organizers would like to thank all those who attended the workshop for their support.

For those interested in obtaining more information, please call 537-1983.

'Those attending had access to a computer program that provided customized charts of food requirements for a family's needs'

You, too, can help push RCMP building petition over the top

Here's an update on the petition to acquire the former RCMP building for community purposes. More than 1,700 signatures have been collected. Those who have not had an opportunity to sign this can do so at the following locations:

Salt Spring Island Community Services Society, Mark Hawkins Memorial Library, the Barnacle Island Journal, and some local businesses and churches.

For more information, call Ken Mackenzie, 537-1705.

"Alister" joined the Palm Sunday Parade at All Saints-by-the-Sea

Photo by Peter Clarke





REMEMBER WHEN? Submitted by Gordon Cudmore

Recognize anyone in this picture of Burgoyne Bay School's class of 1940? Let us know. Or if you have an interesting photo of your own you'd like to share with readers, drop it off at the Barnacle office for future consideration.

Finding a home on Salt Spring, circa 1945

by Juanita Brown

When I first came to Salt Spring Island, it was to find a home for my husband, Buzz, myself and three children; Josette, Marilynne and Lyle. This was a visit in 1945.

Buzz had been transferred from the Department of Finance, Victoria, to replace Mr. Speed, who was retiring. Buzz boarded at Harbour House Hotel and commuted home to Prospect Lake on weekends. The girls were to enter school in September.

We made the trip courtesy of the Bank of Montreal, who opened for business once a week in Buzz's office on the first floor of the Ganges Inn, next to Mouat's store. Everyone was happy to have the bank, but when Buzz vacated in order to accommodate the bank, he was on the loose taxing them. We were very happy and excited to be going on a boat. Our lives were very quiet without any transportation, without Dad.

When we reached the Creamery Hill (Embe Bakery) the gravel road stretched straight ahead to Mouat's Point, tidal flats to the left and ocean to our right. The Point was surrounded by water. The tidal area had a few cottages bordering the roadside with stilts in the water and planks across the deep ditches to the door. Past this came a defunct laundry, Turner's Drygoods, Wells Drugstore and Goodies Garage. Directly opposite was the Trading Company (Moka House), with a stable for the delivery horse at the side (now the Cobbler's). The encircling ocean bay to the Point harboured the White Elephant Cafe (Kanaka Restaurant), a couple of shacks and then, the Point. The Ganges Inn, Mouat's, wharves, Miss Dean's cottage (TreeHouse). Years later this bay back of Mouat's was filled in for the expansion of business. Across from Mouat's (now Grace Point) was a lovely wooded area. This day was Boat Day and there was the Lady Rose at the dock.

We entered the Inn: a long, dark hallway led back to McGill's Bakery. Steps to the left led up to a landing to Buzz's office, a beauty parlour and rental rooms. Dad's office faced east to the sea and had a huge fireplace, a huge safe, three chairs and a large desk, bright and cheery. Customers were waiting so we made ourselves scarce.

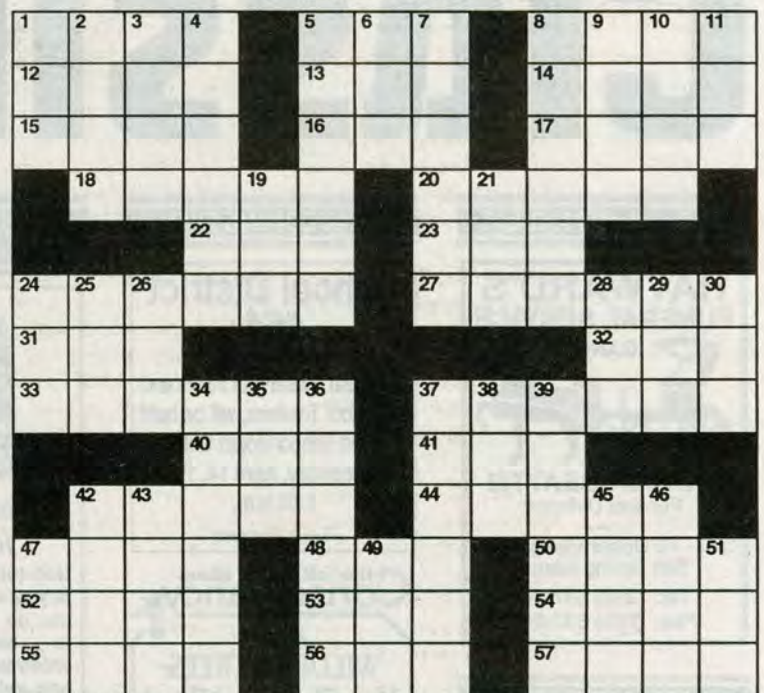
Down on the street again we went in to meet Gavin Mouat, who would show us two places: Long Harbour, and Col. Des and Ida Crofton's home back of the Harbour House Hotel. Gavin had been caretaking the property on Long Harbour on a lease or rental basis. The owner was Anita Baldwin, heir to the Santa Anita Race Track fortune. It sat on the northern shore of Long Harbour facing a wooded hillside; very remote, with one other house (caretakers?). It was like entering a ghost ship; it had been abandoned - all the crew had left. The table was set. The lovely log house furnished in Vilas maple throughout. It was a lovely country home encompassing many acres (now Maracaibo). I loved it but it was too far out. Hoping that the next possibility would be right, we rode on to the Crofton home. Col. Des Crofton was in a London hospital and Ida, John and Sylvia had gone over to be with him and accompany him home when he could travel.

He had led the Canadian Scottish (and many local boys) at Dieppe. The house driveway was entered from Lower Ganges Road (now the telephone company) through open fields. Sheep were fenced off on either side of the drive. At first sight it was all beauty, view down harbour, gardens, accessibility to the village and school. It could not be permanent, but we wanted it and Gavin Mouat gave us a good recommendation.

We moved in time for school. We returned that afternoon to the lake where I soon sold the house and were ready for the rest of our lives. *Juanita (Nita) Brown is a SSI resident.*

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Indian Nations



ACROSS

- 1 Reverberation
- 5 Napkin holder
- 8 Ceremonial staff
- 12 Past of to lie
- 13 Consumed
- 14 Image
- 15 Small island
- 16 Easter fare
- 17 Natives of Quebec
- 18 Natives of BC
- 20 Bearing weapons
- 22 Chief _____ George
- 23 Meadow
- 24 Natives of Quebec
- 27 Paid companion
- 31 Sheltered side
- 32 Bitter herb
- 33 Ice deliverer
- 37 Patrilineal kin
- 40 Metal bearer
- 41 Fifth Zodiac sign
- 42 Natives of Northwest Territories
- 44 Natives of Alberta
- 47 Mineral
- 48 Toronto Stock Exchange, for short
- 50 Forest item
- 52 Afresh
- 53 Gram or centre prefix
- 54 Coarse grass
- 55 Perquisite, for short
- 56 Tell on
- 57 Away from wind

DOWN

- 1 Whitney, for one
- 2 Legal tender
- 3 Fissures
- 4 Natives of Ontario
- 5 Natives of BC
- 6 Estimated arrival time, for short
- 7 Woman
- 8 Natives of Newfoundland, once
- 9 Area measure
- 10 Female student
- 11 Compass point
- 19 Shoe brand
- 21 Royal Entomological Society, abbr.
- 24 Caliph
- 25 Beak, in Quebec
- 26 Born of
- 28 Opening
- 29 Monotonous routine
- 30 Golf course part
- 34 Natives of Ontario
- 35 Arthur, for short
- 36 Spay
- 37 Although
- 38 Hair goop
- 39 Natives of B.C.
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313 Firewood
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320 Garage Sales
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399 Loonie

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501 Office Services
505 Business Opportunities
506 Education
510 Contractors
511 Drywall
512 Painters
515 Child Care
517 Dental
520 Janitorial
521 Cleaning Services
525 Computers
530 Electronic

535 Finance/Mortgage

540 Garbage
545 Gardening/Landscaping
546 Heating
550 Machining/Welding
551 Autobody & Painting
555 Plumbing
560 Pools/Spas
565 All-round Handy
570 Music Lessons
575 Health & Fitness
576 Beauty
580 Rentals
585 Travel
595 Miscellaneous Services
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600 Houses for Sale
610 Farm Land
620 Acreages/Lots
630 Commercial Properties

640 Open Houses

690 Real Estate Wanted
RENTALS 700-799
700 Houses for Rent
710 Apartments for Rent
720 Room & Board
730 Shared Accommodation
740 Holiday Accommodation
750 Storage
760 Business Rentals
790 Rentals Wanted
TRANSPORTATION 800-899
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330 • PETS

\$5.00 TOENAIL TUESDAYS, professional dog grooming and pet supplies. Call Andrea at Bow Wow & Co., 537-4676, Upper Ganges Centre. 1499

336 • HEALTH PRODUCTS

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385 • WANTED

PROPANE FIREPLACE, fire-screen, glass fireplace doors 36"W x 30"H, recliner, 4-ply yarn, puzzles. Please phone Vicki at 537-5520. 1499

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509 • CARPENTRY

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521 • CLEANING SERVICES

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Regional director airs grievances with library process, membership

Dear Board Members, Volunteers and Association Members (Salt Spring Island Library Association):

This response acknowledges my receipt of your February 5 and March 10 correspondence. While the Library Strategic Planning Committee has been busy, my designate, Helen Keys, her alternate, Tony Hume, and I have been concerned regarding the membership and process to date. We have at times questioned whether they should continue to liaise with the committee in light of what we felt to be flawed process and procedure. They have indicated that the committee does seem to be making better progress of late. However, based on our discussions, correspondence and observations, I would be remiss in not bringing to your attention some of those concerns:

1) **The original directions** given by the board to the strategic planning committee to "maintain the philosophy of a 'volunteer library' and an autonomous library association," together with the resolve of the board and committee to move toward referendum, represents significant unilateral direction prior to the public having an opportunity to express its wishes in this regard.

2) **Concern that the strategic planning committee** is not "broadly based" and does not have representation from a wide spectrum of the community, as I had requested in my correspondence to the board dated Sept. 28, 1998, and con-

'Public need to be informed'

Dear Editor:

I am forwarding a copy of my most recent correspondence with the Mary Hawkins Library Board of Management to you in hopes that you will make it, or the information it contains, available to the public through your newspaper. You will note that the letter is addressed to Board Members, Volunteers and Association Members. In addition, the last paragraph specifically requests that it be disseminated at the library annual general meeting, held March 24, 1999, at the United Church.

Helen Keys, my liaison with the library's strategic planning committee, informs me that the library board chair indicated that she would not be disseminating the letter at the AGM. I have received further

confirmation that the letter was not made available to those attending that meeting.

Your assistance in bringing issues regarding the library services plan to the attention of the community would be greatly appreciated. It is of particular importance that the public be informed regarding issues surrounding the library strategic planning process, as they will likely be consulted regarding new tax requisition for library services through referendum at the time of municipal elections this fall. In order for the community to make informed decisions, it is important that they have access to all relevant information and are able to participate in the development of the Salt Spring Island Library Services Plan.

KELLIE BOOTH, CRD Director for SSI

sistently thereafter. I understand Mr. Shapiro, a valuable committee member, is the only "non library connected" community individual sitting among the strategic planning group, the others all being members of the board or library volunteers.

3) **The astonishing fact** that the committee "dismissed" Mr. Kreutzer, the only other "non library connected" committee member. In speaking with Mr. Jordan, Executive Director of the CRD, he agrees with me that it is highly irregular to dismiss a community volunteer from any committee.

4) **Concern that the library board** does not appear to have actively identified or pursued various grant money it may be eligible for. Joan Richoz referenced a federal grant program called CAP or the Community

Access Program from which funding would be available for the purchase or upgrade of computers for the library. When I inquired weeks later regarding this program, I found that while Salt Spring would not only have been eligible, but in fact, met with grant criteria to a "T," the Mary Hawkins Library Board had not been in touch with the provincial program contact person.

5) **Identifying alternative funding methods** does not appear to have played a meaningful part in the planning process to date. Given that those sources of funding may significantly reduce the amount that may be required from local residents through taxation, and may be extremely important should the community not support further tax burden at this time, it is only reasonable and

responsible that the library thoroughly research this issue.

6) **In light of recent government policy changes** no longer permitting library associations to purchase or lease property, it may be appropriate and timely for the Library Board and its Strategic Planning Committee to identify the relevance of the building fund in the future plans of the library.

As Salt Spring's Regional Director, I take seriously my duty and responsibility to the local taxpayers and the Capital Regional District Board to ensure that for any local service all options are identified and considered, the most appropriate option is selected and that the lowest possible direct cost for the service to taxpayers is presented. The thoroughness, transparency and openness of the planning process are criti-

cal if the Library Board hopes to gain support from the public to increase taxes. It is my hope that:

- When finalized, the plan will reflect input truly representative of a broad segment of the community and be as accurate and credible as possible.

- The plan will include alternative sources of funding, in addition to local property tax requisition.

- In the event a referendum does not pass, a backup financial plan should be developed to a state of readiness in case it is needed.

- The library board identifies for the public what its plans are regarding allocation of its building reserve fund.

I trust that the planning committee will accomplish our joint objective to develop a plan for library services that affordably meets the needs of the community. I am forwarding the \$12,000 grant-in-aid to the board based on my faith in or mutual dedication to the above stated goal.

Given my desire to keep your volunteers and association members informed, I would have been pleased to mail a copy of this correspondence to all board members, volunteers and association members. However, the board chair declined to provide me with a list of volunteers, therefore, I would appreciate dissemination of this letter at your 1999 Annual General Meeting.

Sincerely,
KELLIE BOOTH
Regional Director
CRD

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